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Dear The Honorable William D. Delahunt,

This is the first letter I have ever written to any elected official. I hope that it is my last. I am not a political person. I am very reserved and I don't enjoy venting anger or frustration on anybody, especially on people whom I do not know. Nonetheless, you are MY VOICE in the United States Congress, a valuable piece of a great democratic system in which I still wholeheartedly believe.

With that having been said, I feel that I must submit to you a record of my dissatisfaction with the current leadership of this great country. I am 26, white, a college graduate, and a registered Republican who has always held conservative views. However, the Republicans who control the Office of the President of The United States have turned out not to be my Republicans- they have turned out to be liars. I have been reading, watching and observing our leadership's buffoonery, arrogance, and greed for too long now and I am sick of it. I WANT MY VOICE TO BE HEARD.

- I believe that George W. Bush stole the presidential election in 2004 when his brother, Governor of Florida Jeb Bush, *disenfranchised 27,000 voters in Florida* (16,000 of those votes African American votes). Bush's rigged election drew a fierce, riotous crowd during his inauguration and he was the *only U.S. president in history* to have been "booed" and have his motorcade egged as he made the traditional drive to the White House. From the very start, his sovereignty as president was contested.
- I believe that the "War on Terror" is a never- ending, winless war and a sham. After September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001, when it was clear that Bush, after spending an estimated 42 percent of his first eight months in office on vacation (!!!???!!), had no idea of the threat terrorism posed to America, his response to invade Afghanistan and Iraq was nearsighted and dubious. As it stands today, *more Arabs hate us now than at any time in the past* and our brave troops (the best in the world and a source of great American Pride) are more disillusioned and aware of the transparency of the Bush administration's war- for- profit motives. How can they be expected to fight a war that the whole world knows was based on lies- lies that Iraq possessed "weapons of mass destruction" and was a "threat to the national security of the United States?" There is no mistaking that some soldiers in the ranks of the U.S. military today see themselves as mere mercenaries sent to kill and conquer for oil and corporate greed. This is a great tragedy.
- Today, an estimated 968 U.S. soldiers have lost their lives in Iraq and 5, 271 have been wounded according to CNN since this administration began its "fight against evil." How many have lost their lives in Afghanistan? But beyond the loss of our own, what has been the toll for the innocent Iraqis and Afghans who have been killed by the Bush administration's "War on Terror?" Since the start of the Bush administration's war, some sources estimate 12,000-13,000 people (including soldiers of enemy armies) have been killed. How many of those 12,000 were actually "terrorists?" 100? 200? 1000? Moreover, how can anyone be at "war" with anything as vague as "terror?" It is clear to me that this "war" is no more than a pageant that enables the Bush administration to span the globe uprooting families and destroying generations in an effort to ensure American economic dominance while at the same time controlling the U.S. population with fear and foreboding about the end of the world. When I

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look around at these great American people, I see fear in their eyes- it is a fear that the Bush administration has instilled in them through means of Tom Ridge's "terror alerts" and vague "warnings" encrypted in biblical, neo- conservative speak such as "evildoers." America today is killing thousands of people across the world in a campaign that can't possibly foster any coherent victory, and scaring her people at home with a threat that defies any attempt to define it. America can only win through understanding, ingenuity, and education- none of which, I doubt, even exist within the lexicon of this fool- headed administration.

- I believe Dick Cheney should be reprimanded for telling Senator Patrick Leahy to "go fuck [himself]" *on the Senate chamber floor* as reported by The Washington Post. Using such foul language in on such hollowed ground belies the disregard and vulgarity with which this administration conducts itself. Instances such as these coming from our leadership are intolerable. These men are despicable.

So I ask you, The Honorable William D. Delahunt, because I believe in this great country and its unique system of checks and balances, what do you think of this? Because after all this administration's disinformation, arrogance and greed, I don't see anything happening in the chambers of Congress to try and curb or stop it. Did you, The Honorable William D. Delahunt, ever *read* The Patriot Act that passed through both chambers of Congress shortly after September 11, 2001? What have you done to protect our voting rights in the next election from the Diebold Corporation and its futuristic, easily- to-manipulate ATM/ voting machines? I love this country and I believe in her government, and so I am forced to ask you: **WHERE IS OUR REPRESENTATION?** There has been one president who has been impeached in during my life, and all he did was lie about an embarrassing sexual liaison. If that's considered the limit for impeachment of a president, don't you think that this administration might have exceeded that threshold? You, as an Honorable Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, have the power to decide.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

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